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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Governor William R. Rhodes Gila River Indian Community Governance Center P.O. Box 2138 Sacaton, AZ 85147

Dear Governor Rhodes:

On behalf of the people of Arizona, I want to express my enthusiastic support for the discussions that have occurred this week regarding potential partnership between the State and the Gila River Indian Community on the issue of development of the South Mountain Freeway.

I pledge the full engagement of the Arizona Department of Transportation in working with you to consider the opportunities that may exist with the economic development potential of this much-needed transportation corridor.

While there is much work still to be done regarding final alignment of the route, I am pleased to know that your team is part of the conversation and that there is a path forward for ongoing talks about how the Community might consider getting involved.

Please do not hesitate to call on me or my team if there is anything we can do to help further your consideration of this very critical regional project.

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Governor